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SYMPATHY FOR BOER REPUBLICS

Expressions for Must Be "Forced" in Congress, Say the Democrats.

PRESIDENT'S PROTECTION

Isthmian Canal Reports—Cuban Reciprocity Again And Chinese Exclusion Act Not Forgotten.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Democrats of the house at a caucus held tonight, unanimously adopted resolutions declaring that congress should express sympathy of the American people for the struggling Boer republics and pledging themselves to use their utmost endeavors to "force" committees to report resolutions expressive of such sympathy, if only that congress may have the opportunity to act.

PROTECTION OF PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—During the entire session of the senate today the bill providing for the protection of the president of the United States was under consideration. Spooner, of Wisconsin, contended that the government had absolute and inherent right to protect itself against assaults made either upon itself or upon any of its officers.

He maintained that assault upon the president was in the very nature of things an assault on the nation.

Bailey, of Texas, said he could not support the measure as it stands, because he could conceive of assault made upon president as a person, and not as an official of the government.

The assailant in that event ought to be punished precisely as if he had assaulted any other citizen.

CUBAN RECIPROCITY.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Chairman Payne, of the ways and means committee, today introduced a bill to provide for reciprocal trade relations with Cuba, as a result of the Republican conference decision last night. The bill provides for 20 per cent reduction in duties.

The steering committee of the element which has opposed the ways and means committee reciprocity plan, this afternoon, at a call of Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, chairman of the committee, and with several other leaders in the movement canvassed the situation carefully. Individually, most of those present expressed a desire to carry the contest to the floor of the house. It is considered desirable, however, to take no action until all of those who voted in the conference against reciprocity were called into the conference. This meeting will be held later in the week. Beyond this decision no action was taken.

CHINESE EXCLUSION.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Senator Proctor today introduced a bill continuing in force the present law for exclusion of Chinese until the expiration of the existing treaty with China or until a new treaty shall be negotiated.

YELLOWSTONE PARK.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Secretary of the interior today sent to the senate a draft of a bill providing for the enlargement of Yellowstone Park. In the communication accompanying the bill, he says extension of the park boundaries is necessary to protect the game in the park.

FOR CABINET OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The Post will say tomorrow:

Ex-Senator Wilcott, of Colorado, is being considered by the president as a possible successor of Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, who, it is understood, will retire from the cabinet.

ISTHMIAN CANAL.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Senator Morgan, from the committee on isthmian canals, today presented to the

senate, majority and minority reports of that committee on the question of validity of title of the new Panama canal company and its right to transfer the Panama canal property to the United States for \$40,000,000. Objection of the majority to the title held by that company are based largely on relations of the canal company to governments of France and Colombia.

CONFIRMATIONS.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Following are confirmations by the senate: Captain A. S. Crowinshield, rear-admiral in the navy; Carl Rash, United States attorney, district of Montana.

RIVERS AND HARBORS.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The house today made fair progress with the rivers and harbors bill. After the close of the general debate, 27 of the 116 pages of the bill were disposed of. No amendments were adopted.

THE ANTI-SIMONITES

CONTROLLED THE MULTINOMAH CONVENTION.

A. A. Courtney Was Chairman and Judge McGinn Was Nominated for the Senate.

PORTLAND, March 19.—Republican county convention was controlled today absolutely by Independents or anti-Simon faction, the vote for chairman being 100 for Courtney (Independent) to 57 for Northrup (Simon candidate).

Convention selected 57 delegates to the state convention, nominated ex-Judge Henry E. McGinn for state senator and named 12 candidates for the lower house of the legislature. The convention then adjourned until one week from tomorrow, March 27, when county and city tickets will be completed.

Representatives—

H. J. Fisher, W. W. Banks, Sanderson Reed, A. A. Bailey, Dan J. Malarkey, George M. Orton, John Gill, C. W. Hodson, J. S. Hutchinson, A. A. Courtney, W. R. Hudson, S. B. Cobb.

Delegates to the state convention: George H. Williams, H. L. Pitcock, W. B. Ayer, Ad. Burckhardt, Phil Metchan, E. W. Spencer, F. A. Bancroft, Charles A. Monell, A. J. Capron, W. T. Muir, W. L. Boise, George W. Howell, L. Kellaher, J. E. Hunt, M. H. Carter, H. Van Auker, J. N. Sutton, J. J. Fitzgerald, A. L. Mills, W. N. Jones, Charles Squires, Joseph Buchtel, Leander Lewis, S. B. Schwab, Charles Wilson, P. L. Willis, Watt Daniel, W. F. Matthews, C. H. Carey, Sol Hirsch, John F. Logan, H. H. Newhall, W. H. Patterson, T. J. Cleton, C. R. Frazier, T. S. Potter, E. P. Mays, George Mager, C. E. Smith, J. W. Beveridge, S. B. Linticum, Andrew C. Smith, L. H. Adams, E. H. Kelly, D. S. Dunbar, T. C. Powell, H. W. Goddard, F. Eiling, F. I. McKenna, F. Kiernan, J. W. Mathena, C. W. Sherman, James W. Blair, D. L. Williams, Stafford Whitling, W. H. Carney, C. E. Rumelin, R. L. Durham, Alex. Donaldson, H. H. Jones, J. L. Hartman, Thomas D. Honcymann, T. M. Edmunds, L. Christensen, T. K. Muir, W. W. Kowitz, C. A. Dunbar.

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AFTER TWELVE YEAR'S CAPTIVITY

Among the Bushmen of Australia Joseph Gill Appears.

HIS WIFE MARRIED AGAIN

Upon His Release He Heard His Wife Was Dead and He Also Married Again.—Fought in Philippines.

NEW YORK, March 19.—After 12 years' imprisonment among the Bushmen in Australia, Joseph J. Gill, son of the late Thomas Gill, a well known Brooklyn manufacturer, has been heard from by his family, who had mourned him as dead.

Gill left home in 1886 and in 1893, his wife, believing him dead, married again.

An August 18, 1886, Joseph Gill sailed from New York for Australia, where he had extensive mining interests. The mines were situated about 500 miles from Sydney, and Gill expected to be gone two or three years. He left behind a wife and two children, boys of 7 and 5 years, respectively.

For two years letters were received regularly. His mining interests were prospering and he hoped soon to return to the United States, he wrote in his last letter.

A period in which no tidings were received from Mr. Gill followed, and then came a letter from the American consul at Sydney, N. S. W., stating that Joseph Gill, a wealthy mine owner, and four companions had been ambushed and killed by Australian bushmen in Australia not far from the mines which the Brooklyn man controlled.

This was the last heard from Gill until the news of imprisonment which has just been received. It came in the form of a letter to Inspector McLaughlin of the Brooklyn police. The letter was dated Dagupan, Northern Luzon, Philippine Islands. The letter, which was written in November, 1901, was addressed to the chief of police of Brooklyn. It was as follows:

"In 1886 I left my home in Brooklyn for Australia where I was held a captive in the interior by Bushmen until two years ago. I then came to these islands and entered the campaign with Macabebes scouts. Prior to Aguinaldo's capture I was severely wounded and I am a frail am a cripple for life. I am now making my way back to Sydney, Australia, to my wife and child.

"I do not know if my dear mother is dead, but would be glad to know her address if she is alive, or my brother's. I shall be in Sydney by the time you receive this letter. Please address me in care of the United States consul at Sydney."

The Brooklyn police had little difficulty in finding Gill's mother. Cable messages were at once sent to Gill at Sydney.

No details have as yet been received concerning Gill's imprisonment among the Bushmen who murdered his four companions. After his escape Gill is said to have attempted to secure information from his family. The private detective whom he is said to have employed, reported that his wife was dead, and soon afterwards Gill married a Sydney woman. Gill's love of adventure led to his enlistment in the Philippine service.

NEW RAILROAD CORPORATION.

Organized at Baker City—Harriman Syndicate May Be Interested.

BAKER CITY, Ore., March 19.—Articles of incorporation of the Baker City and Snake River railroad was filed with the county clerk of this county today. Incorporators are:

William Polman, L. Crabill, John Waterman, John Schmitt, C. M. Sage, O. L. Miller, P. Basche, S. A. Heilner, W. J. Patterson, C. L. Palmer, George Stoddard and R. D. Carter, of Baker City, and Edward S. Farrow, of New York.

Articles of incorporation of this company were prepared last fall after Lieutenant Edward S. Farrow, a prominent mining and railroad engineer, had made careful inspection of the property and franchises of the Northwest railway, which was sold at receiver's sale here last October.

Lieutenant Farrow also inspected the famous Iron Dyk mine in the Seven Devils. It is hinted that Harriman syndicate is interested in the proposition.

BRYAN'S BIRTHDAY.

Is Celebrated by Moving Into a Barn.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 19.—Wm. J. Bryan is no longer a resident of the City of Lincoln. This was Bryan's 42d birthday and he celebrated the event by moving to his farm, four miles from this city.

Until a handsome country residence which he is building is completed, Mr. Bryan and his family will live in a barn.

ROBBERS CAUSE FIRE

BLEW OPEN SAFE LEFT BUILDING ON FIRE.

Fifty Persons Who Were Asleep Barely Escaped With Their Lives.

MARISSA, Ill., Mar. 19.—Safe blowers are responsible for a fire which destroyed \$150,000 worth of property in Marissa last night. They entered the Commercial hotel, where 50 persons were asleep, shortly before midnight and blew open the safe. Obtaining \$2500 the robbers escaped, leaving the building in flames. The fire spread rapidly and was not checked until a dozen business buildings and several residences with their contents were destroyed. The Commercial Hotel was totally destroyed. The flames then spread to the following buildings:

Lyon & White's drug store, Furne's barber shop, Hassong's barber shop, Wilson's millinery store, Brown & Company's grain elevator, A. D. Mathew's grocery store, Hamilton & Company's bank, S. Bejan's dwelling and ice house, Lyon & White's lumber yard and A. L. Kenna's residence.

The fury of the flames was checked by the firemen at the Kenna residence. The loss is well covered by insurance. Several persons had narrow escapes from death.

CONVICT DOTSON.

Claims He Is Innocent of Two Murders.

BUTTE, Mont., March 19.—A special to the Miner from Deer lodge, says: Convict Clinton Dotson, who is awaiting sentence of death for murdering his father, has made remarkable statement to Governor Toole, in which he declares his innocence of two murders with which he is charged.

He asserts that James McArthur, who was hanged for murder last September, killed his father alone.

Dotson declares McArthur confessed to him the murder of the man whose remains were found near Central Park in 1896. His name was Allen, and his folks reside in Walla Walla, Wash.

PHILIPPINES' NEW TREASURY

Taxes and Duties Collected To Be Converted into Treasury There.

GOVERNOR WRIGHT NOTIFIED

Duties and Taxes Collected on Goods in U. S. Imported from Islands Belong to Treasury Also.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Secretary Root has notified Acting Governor Wright that taxes and duties collected in the Philippines under the recent tariff act for the islands shall be converted directly into the Philippine treasury and are subject to orders of Philippine authorities.

Nothing has yet been determined upon with respect to the handling and transferring of duties and taxes collected in the United States on articles imported from the islands. The law provides that all these taxes and duties are to be paid into the Philippine treasury for the use and benefit of the islands.

ANCIENT CHINESE TABLETS

To Be Returned By Custom House Officials.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 19.—Ten Jade tablets on which almost 200 years ago, the cunning hand of a Chinese workman engraved, by order of his imperial master, an acknowledgment of the wisdom, power and goodness of Shun'che, the founder of the Tartar dynasty in China, are locked in the safe of Customs' Appraiser John T. Dare, awaiting authority from Washington to return them to the Emperor of China or his representatives. The stones are one foot in length, six inches wide and nearly an inch thick. Through holes drilled across their width cords are passed to hold them together and when taken by the customs inspector from a private soldier returning from service in China they were wrapped in elaborately embroidered yellow silk. It is believed that they were taken as loot from the imperial apartments in the Forbidden City. Recognizing their value of the Chinese ruler as a descendant of the emperor whose deeds they commemorate, the customs authorities here notified the secretary of the treasury, and await notification of the arrangements he may have made with the department of state for the return of the tablets.

SNOW BOUNDS BROKEN.

BILLINGS, Mont., March 19.—The first through train from the East arrived in Billings tonight, after having been tied up by a blizzard in North Dakota for about five days. The track west of Billings is clear and no further delays are anticipated.

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